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SUBJECT: INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 28-30

1. SUMMARY- US DEL CONSIDERED MEETING GENERALLY
CONSTRUCTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL IN VIEW OF US INTERESTS. 33RD
SESSION OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE ADOPTED 1978 PROGRAM OF
WORK (DSTI/IND/77.45) WHICH WAS ENDORSED BY US AS
REFLECTING RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN BROAD POLICY QUESTIONS AND
SECTORAL ISSUES WHICH WILL COMPLEMENT OTHER OECD WORK.
ALL EIGHT AREAS OF ACTIVITY RECEIVED SUPPORT
THOUGH DENIGRATION OF INVESTMENT STUDY BY GERMAN
DELEGATE CONTINUES TO BE IRRITANT TO US. US DEL WILL DISCUSS
THIS ISSUE WITH DEPARTMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF
BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH BONN. THE COMMITTEE UNDERSCORED
LINKAGE OF WORK ITEMS AND NEED TO CONDUCT IC STUDIES IN
A COORDINATED WAY WITHIN OECD. NEW IC CHAIRMAN (WOODS-
AUSTRALIA) PROVIDED POSITIVE AND FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP
CONCURRENT WITH US INTERESTS. NEXT IC MEETING SET FOR
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22-24 NOVEMBER TO BE PRECEDED BY BUREAU ON 21. DR.
DAVID A. PETERSON, DOC, LED US DEL. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WOOTTON REVIEWED SALIENT
POINTS IN OECD MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 24 WHICH
PROVIDED A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
DISCUSSIONS. PARTICULARLY RELEVANT WERE REFERENCES TO

UNEMPLOYMENT, INVESTMENT, AND RELATED MICRO-ECONOMIC
ISSUES FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. WHILE IC DID NOT
DISCUSS ISSUE OF AD HOC GROUP ON IRON & STEEL, SWEDEN
AND GERMANY EXPRESSED VIEW IN JUNE 27 BUREAU MEETING
THAT IC SHOULD DEAL WITH OTHER IMPORTANT SECTORAL
PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE.

3. DSTI DIRECTOR BECKLER DISCUSSED INTERNAL REORGANIZATION
OF SECRETARIAT INTO ONE INDUSTRY DIVISION UNDER
MR. HILL AND INTRODUCED NEW DSTI DEPUTY DIRECTOR
(MR. NATORI, JAPAN), FORMERLY HEAD OF MITI EXPORT
DIVISION AND WITH ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

4. EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY -
IC DEFERRED SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE OF THE EMPLOYMENT
PROBLEM FOR INDUSTRY AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY UNTIL
NOVEMBER MEETING FOR WHICH SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE AN ISSUES
PAPER.

5. INTERFUTURES -
DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR MICHOLSKI DISCUSSED FOLLOWING
PHASES OF THIS ACTIVITY: PREPARATION OF 21 SUBJECT
PAPERS WHICH WILLBE READY SHORTLY FOR CIRCULATION;
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OF THREE POLICY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCES; AND PLICY DISCUSSIONS IN OECD AND NATIONAL CAPITALS. FOCUS IS ON POTENTIAL ISSUES AND PROBLEMS, AND WORK WILL BE COORDINATED WITH IC FUTURE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES PROJECT.

6. INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS -

WP CHAIRMAN (JONNQUIST - SWEDEN) DISCUSSED PROGRAM RELATING TO SHORT TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WHICH IC ENDORSED. COMMITTEE AGREED WITH SECRETARIAT THAT SUFFICIENT RESOURCES BE PROVIDED FOR THIS WORK.

7. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION-

IN VIEW OF MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE, IC AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT POLICY DIMENSION IN ALL ITS WORK AS APPROPRIATE, BUT NOT TO BEGIN ANY NEW PROJECTS IN THIS AREA.

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8. INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS -

IC AGREED TO RECOMMENDATION OF DSTI DIRECTOR BECKLER THAT NO NEW WORK IN THIS AREA BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM.

9. FUTURE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES -

AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN (NANCY - FRANCE) REPORTED ON NEW VERSION OF DRAFT REPORT WHICH HE CONSIDERED MUCH IMPROVED. REPORT WILL BE CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT. IC WILL DEBATE FINAL FIS REPORT AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

10. TRENDS IN ALUMINUM INDUSTRY-

U.S., CANADA, AND NORWAY DID NOT ATTEND MAY MEETING OF GROUP OF DELEGATES WHICH WAS LABELED BY ATTENDEES AS USEFUL IN DISCUSSING ENERGY, INVESTMENT PLANS AND PROFITABILITY, CYCLICAL PHENOMENA, EXCHANGE RATES, AND MEDIUM TERM SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES (SEE DSTI/IND/77.1 FINAL). GROUP AGREED THAT ONE-DAY MEETING "IN THE COURSE OF YEAR"

COULD BE USEFUL. SECRETARIAT WILL ADVISE OF FUTURE NEED FOR MEETING OF INTERESTED DELEGATES.

11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE -

IC AGREED THAT PULP& PAPER AD HOC WORKING PARTY REVIEW SECOND REVISION OF PEARCE REPORT ON ECONOMICS OF WASTE RECYCLING. CURRENT VERSION STILL, IN WP'S UNANIMOUS VIEW, CONTAINS SEVERAL ERRORS AND MISCONCEPTIONS THAT MUST BE CORRECTED BEFORE THE REPORT IS PUBLISHED.

12. AGENCIES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADDAPTATION -

IC DID NOT AGREE TO DERESTRICTION OF DSTI/IND/77.26
WHICH WILL RECEIVE FURTHER UPDATING AND REVIEW BY NATIONAL
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DELEGATIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF RECONSIDERATION OF A NEW
DOCUMENT IN NOVEMBER.

13. PERSPECTIVE REVIEW -

A NEW FORMAT (DSTI/IND/77.46) WAS REVIEWED AND ADOPTED
BY THE IC. NEW FORMAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CAPITALS 6 WEEKS
PRIOR TO NEXT IC MEETING WHEN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IS
EXPECTED ON GOVERNMENTAL INDUSTRIAL POLICY MEASURES.

14. 1978 PROGRAM -

IC EXAMINED DSTI/IND/77.45 AND ADOPTED CERTAIN COMMENTS
WHICH WILL BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. TEXT OF
COMMENTS WILL BE AIRPOUCHED. CONCERNING THE WORK
PROGRAM, A CONTINUING IRRITANT TO U.S. REMAINS DENIGRATION
FO STUDY OF INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS BY GERMAN DELEGATE
(BUCHNER-SCHOPF). U.S. DEL PETERSON WILL DISCUSS MODA-
LITIES OF RESOLVING SITUATION WITH EUR/RPE ON HIS RETURN TO
WASHINGTON, AND BELIEVES A DEMARCHE IN BONN MAY BE WARRANTED.

15. 34TH SESSION IC SET FOR 22-24 NOVEMBER. BUREAU WILL
MEET NOV. 21.
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